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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S CONSULTATIONS WITH
FRENCH ON UNGA

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1. SUMMARY. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM MET WITH
QUAI UN DIRECTOR ST. LEGIER JUNE 18 TO DISCUSS BROAD
RANGE OF UNGA ISSUES. ECONOMIC ITEMS COVERED IN
REFTEL. THIS MESSAGE COVERS DISCUSSIONS ON POLITICAL
ITEMS, INCLUDING KOREA, CYPRUS, MIDDLE EAST, CHARTER
REVISION, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND HUMAN RIGHTS. ALTHOUGH
TOO EARLY TO ALIGN USG AND GOF POSITIONS, MEETING
SUCCEEDED IN ESTABLISHING USEFUL RAPPORT BETWEEN
QUAI AND DEPARTMENT TOP OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR UN
AFFAIRS. IT WAS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT THESE CONSULTA-
TIONS ARE USEFUL ANNUAL INSTITUTION; NEXT YEAR ST.
LEGIER WOULD EXPECT TO MEET IN WASHINGTON WITH HIS
OPPOSITE NUMBER. END SUMMARY.

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2. KOREA. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM INFORMED ST.

LEGIER THAT U.S. WAS PREPARED TO SEE UN COMMAND IN KOREA DISAPPEAR, BUT ONLY IF ARMISTICE REGIME IS NOT WEAKENED. ALSO, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO SEE KIM IL SONG'S RADICALISM STRENGTHENED. ST. LEGIER ASKED ABOUT USG LINKING UN ENTRY FOR TWO KOREAS WITH ENTRY FOR TWO VIETNAMS. BUFFUM ADMITTED WE HAD MADE THIS LINKAGE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS, BUT HAD RECEIVED NO REPLY FROM MOSCOW EXCEPT THAT NORTH KOREA DOES NOT DESIRE UN MEMBERSHIP. BUFFUM SAID THIS MIGHT IMPLY SOVIETS WOULD VETO SOUTH KOREAN ENTRY. ST. LEGIER SAID THAT ONCE U.S. POSITION WAS DETERMINED, HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WE MIGHT VETO ENTRY OF ONE OR BOTH VIETNAMS. ST. LEGIER POINTED OUT THAT LAST YEAR'S UNGA RESOLUTION CONTAINED FRENCH AMENDMENT LINKING DISSOLUTION OF UN COMMAND WITH NEED TO MAINTAIN ARMISTICE REGIME. ST. LEGIER SHARED BUFFUM'S CONCERN THAT RESOLUTION ALGERIA MIGHT PROPOSE, TERMINATING ALL UN INVOLVEMENT IN KOREA, WOULD ENDANGER LEGAL BASIS OF ARMISTICE REGIME. HE STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT BOTH VIETNAMS WILL ASK FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. REGARDING SOUTH KOREA, ST. LEGIER SAID GOF STRONGLY SUPPORTS SEOUL AND FAVORS STATUS QUO IN EAST ASIA. HE CONCLUDED THAT GOF POSITION SIMILAR TO OURS AND THAT OUR TWO MISSIONS IN NEW YORK SHOULD CONTINUE COORDINATING ON HOW TO DRAFT KOREAN RESOLUTION WHICH COULD GET MAJORITY VOTE.

3. CYPRUS. ST. LEGIER SAID GOF HOPED TO GET SYG WALDHEIM'S VIEWS DURING LATTER'S PARIS VISIT JUNE 27. BUFFUM SAID MUCH DEPENDS ON COMMUNAL TALKS, BUT OUTCOME NOT ENCOURAGING. BOTH SIDES AGREED IT WAS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE WHAT MIGHT BE DONE AT UNGA.

4. MIDDLE EAST. ST. LEGIER SAID SYRIAN AGREEMENT TO RENEW UN FORCES WAS GOOD SIGN BUT GOF SEES NOVEMBER 22, 1975, AS DECISIVE DATE FOR ARABS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE TO JUSTIFY MODERATE STANCE IN UN. BUFFUM AGREED IT WAS TOO EARLY TO PREDICT SITUATION IN GA. HE EMPHASIZED THERE SHOULD BE NO REPETITION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF EXCEPTIONAL TREATMENT ACCORDED ARAFAT BY BOUTEFILKA, SINCE THIS HAD HAD STRONG NEGATIVE EFFECT IN US. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT POSSIBILITY ARABS MIGHT BE PLANNING ISRAEL'S EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION. ST. LEGIER SHOWED SURPRISE AT THIS IDEA, BUT ASSURED BUFFUM THAT GOF WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY AS IN CASE OF SOUTH AFRICA. WHEN ST. LEGIER SPECIFIED THIS WOULD MEAN FRANCE WOULD VOTE NO ON EXPULSION OR

SUSPENSION MOVE, BUFFUM URGED THAT GOF LET THIS BE KNOWN
TACTFULLY AMONG ITS FRIENDS IN THIRD WORLD WHO MIGHT
EXPRESS INTEREST IN KNOWING FRENCH POSITION.

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5. SOUTHERN AFRICA. ST. LEGIER SAID GOF CONTINUES
TO OPPOSE RHODESIAN REGIME AND WILL RESPECT UN
SANCTIONS. HE SAID FRANCE CONDEMNS APARTHEID BUT
CANNOT JOIN IN EXTREME MEASURES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.
BUFFUM NOTED ABSENCE OF ANY SPECIFIC SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT MOVES WHICH TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
IMMEDIATE AFRICAN DEMANDS. ST. LEGIER POINTED OUT
THAT U.S., U.K. AND FRENCH POSITION IN DIALOGUE WITH
SOUTH AFRICA. IS WEAKENED BY THEIR IMPLICIT WILLING-
NESS TO PROTECT PRETORIA BY USING VETO IN UNSC' HE
PERSONALLY WONDERED WHETHER SOME CONSIDERATION SHOULD
BE GIVEN TO USING VETO AS BARGAINING POINT WITH SOUTH
AFRICA.

6. CHARTER REVIEW. BOTH SIDES AGREED IT IS IN THEIR INTEREST TO MAINTAIN POLICY OF OPPOSING ANY REVISIONS. BUFFUM ENDORSED ST. LEGIER'S SUGGESTION THAT CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONTACT BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN MISSIONS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW YORK.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS. ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, FRENCH BELIEVE GA SHOULD EXAMINE EXISTING DRAFT DECLARATION. BUFFUM AGREED TO LOOK INTO THIS, BUT POINTED OUT SUCH WORK SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH CSCE RESULTS. ON PROGRESS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BUFFUM ASSURED FRANCE OF CONTINUED USG SUPPORT FOR THIS FRENCH INITIATIVE.

8. UN STRUCTURE. BOTH SIDES AGREED RECENT VOLUMINOUS REPORT ON REORGANIZING UN ECONOMIC STRUCTURE SHOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND IT STILL TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE POSITIONS. BUFFUM RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL CHOSEN AMONG LDC'S SHOULD BE IN CHARGE OF ALL AID, BUT HE ALSO WONDERED WHETHER THIS COULD BE OPPOSED DIRECTLY. ST. LEGIER AGREED WITH BUFFUM'S PRELIMINARY SUGGESTION THAT THIS REPORT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WORKING GROUP OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR COMMENT.

9. DISARMAMENT. ALTHOUGH ST. LEGIER'S RESPONSIBILITIES DO NOT SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE DISARMAMENT, HE RAISED QUESTION ABOUT BUFFUM'S CONSULTATIONS IN MOSCOW AS THEY CONCERNED UNGA DISARMAMENT ITEMS. CLARIFYING REPORT ST. LEGIER HAD FROM FRENCH EMBASSY MOSCOW, BUFFUM SAID HE HAD RECEIVED IMPRESSION IN SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THERE MIGHT WELL BE THE USUAL SOVIET INITIATIVE IN THIS GENERAL AREA AT FORTHCOMING UNGA.

10. EMBASSY COMMENT: MEETING WAS HELD TOO EARLY TO PERMIT ANY ACTUAL ALIGNMENT OF UN POSITIONS. ALSO, ST. LEGIER PROFESSED NEED TO PURSUE COMMON EC-9 POSITIONS INsofar AS POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH WE PRESUME SUCH WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE WHEN IT SUITS GOF. ST. LEGIER WAS CLEARLY DELIGHTED WITH CONSULTATIONS AND PERSONALLY SYMPATHETIC TO MANY OF OUR ATTITUDES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE USEFUL ANNUAL INSTITUTION, AND HE EXPECTS TO BE INVITED TO WASHINGTON NEXT YEAR. EMBASSY APPRECIATES EFFORT ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM

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